#### **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

### The City of Brentwood Has Declared a WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY



### WE MUST REDUCE OUR USE NOW!

IT IS NO LONGER VOLUNTARY — IT'S MANDATORY.

The Drought has worsened and our water use must be dramatically reduced. The City has adopted Water Shortage Emergency Measures calling for a 35% cut in consumption in residential potable water use.

That is compared to a baseline of 2013 usage.\* These cuts are needed to comply with the new state mandate.

## We CAN do it, and we MUST!

The City of Brentwood is urging public compliance. Meeting the challenge will require immediate action from everyone in our community.

\*To find your household's 2013 baseline water use, visit www.brentwoodca.gov/2013usage or call Utility Billing at (925) 516-5415.

# Our New Reduction Goal is for each household to cut 35% from what was used in 2013. To help reach that goal, these regulations are now in place:

- No watering between 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- No watering within 48 hours after measurable rainfall
- No watering more than 2 days per week (see irrigation tip below)
- No excessive landscape runoff
- No washing vehicle, trailer, boat without shutoff nozzle
- No washing paved or hardscape surfaces
- No water use for non-recirculating fountains
- No watering new home construction landscape except by State approved methods
- No watering ornamental turf on public street medians
- No serving drinking water except upon request in eating or drinking establishments
- No hotels/motels daily laundering of towels/linens unless requested by a guest

**IRRIGATION TIP:** The City recommends using the cycle and soak method to water. It reduces run-off and gives more time for absorption. On standard pop-up spray sprinklers, use several short 4-6 minute cycles about an hour apart, early in the morning.

Friendly Reminders will be issued when it is noted that a household is in violation of water use restrictions.

# **REBATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** Save even more water and receive a rebate! Reduce your water use by more than 35% from your 2013 levels, and receive a credit on your water bill.

**AVOID PENALTIES.** You must cut compared to what you used in 2013, or face penalties. Penalties will be issued on monthly bills. If you are a renter, please notify your property owner of this mandate.

### **Best Ways To Save**

- Re-think your yard!
- Let your lawn go!
- Mulch, mulch, mulch!
- When you do water, do it early or late!
- Sweep don't spray!
- Cover your pool!
- Fix leaks!
- Replace old toilets, clothes washers and dish washers!
- Re-train your brain!
- Learn to do more with less!



More water saving ideas and information on the drought and related restrictions are available at www.brentwoodca.gov/drought or (925) 516-6000.



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